

HERTZIAN WAVES CONTROL TORPEDO

Wonderful Engine of War Has Been Completed by Frenchman.

SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT

Movements Accurately Directed by Operator Long Distance Away.

PARIS, September 11.—M. Gabet, inventor of the radio-automatic torpedo, made several tests of the torpedo in the Seine last week near Maisons Laiffits, preparatory to the official test at Havre next month in the open sea. The new torpedo, when out of the water, had the appearance of two torpedoes, one above the other, about six feet apart. The upper section is about twelve feet long. It is merely a float. The lower section is about eighteen feet in length and is much larger in circumference than the upper one. It contains a motor battery, an accumulator, an apparatus for the reception of Hertzian waves, and at the nose an explosive charge weighing 1,800 pounds, as compared with 200 pounds in the ordinary torpedo.

When in the water, the apparatus weighs five tons. It sinks to the upper float, the carrier, two masts four feet high, connected by wires, which receive the Hertzian waves. They are fitted with electric lamps, which light up when the waves reach them, thus showing to the operator that they have been received. They are directed afterwards so as to be invisible from the object towards which the torpedo is moving.

When the torpedo was placed in the Seine Gabet went out in a motorboat, in which was an apparatus for emitting the Hertzian waves, which resembled a miniature piano with ten notes. Gabet touched one of the keys and immediately the motor on the torpedo, which was about twenty yards away, started. By sending a varying number of waves he moved the rudder to right or left. He turned the torpedo sharply around in its own length and made it come toward him. In fact, the control was absolute. The waves caused by passing tugs and steamers did not seem to affect the machine.

M. Gabet told the correspondent of The Times-Dispatch that he had been working on the invention for seven years. The cost of each torpedo would be 40,000 francs, but he would not sell them under 70,000 francs. A speed of twenty knots can be obtained. He calculated at one to thirty the chances of interference by Hertzian waves from a warship. When the test is made at Havre a war vessel will be present to test this point. M. Gabet placed the torpedo's range of action at about five miles. He is building a small tower at Havre, from which the Hertzian waves will be sent out.

STRONG CAST SELECTED

Sothern Will Head List at New York's New Theater.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, September 11.—Jack Spear's "Antony and Cleopatra" is to have the honor of being the production with which the New Theater, now nearing completion at Central Park West and Sixty-second Street, will make its opening bow to the public. The opening night will be Monday, November 8th, and the season will consist of over thirty weeks.

Although the theatre will be devoted to the presentations of dramas, musicals and the like will have a place in its repertoire. Light opera will be given at twenty evening and twenty matinee performances. Announcement concerning this departure will be made by Andreas Dippel, of the Metropolitan Opera House, under whose direction the opera will be presented by members of the Metropolitan Company. In the announcement made to-day, it is stated that, in addition to "Antony and Cleopatra," the repertoire of plays will be the "Cottage in the Air," by Edward Knobloch; "Strife," by John Galsworthy; and Sheridan's "School for Scandal."

The presentations will be made by the New Theater Company, the members of which have been recruited with great care, and in which no player will be featured or starred. About forty players will make the company which is to make their debut. The company already assigned to appear in the plays announced include Edward H. Sothern, Charles Cartwright, A. E. Anson, Albert Bruning, Ferdinand Gottschalk, Henry Stanford, Ben Johnson, Rowland Buckstone, William McVay, Charles Blum, Jack W. Ward, Jr., Pedro de Cordoba, Master John Tansy, Miss Julia Marlowe, Miss Rose Coglan, Miss Olive Wyndham, Miss Jessie Busley, Mrs. Sol Smith, Miss Beatrice Forbes-Robertson, Miss Beverley S. Graves, Miss Thias Lawton, Miss Leah Bateman-Hunter, and Miss Susan. Louis Calvert, who was brought from London to produce the standard dramas, is an actor as well as a stage director of long experience, and will also appear in several important roles.

Duke De Sotomayor. MADRID, September 11.—The Duke De Sotomayor, intendant of the royal palace, died to-day.

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MINISTER DIES AT CONFERENCE

Presiding Elder J. W. Shackford Drops Dead While Calling Roll.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, Va., September 11.—Rev. Joseph Wesley Shackford, presiding elder of the Lynchburg District of the Methodist Church, and a member of the Virginia Conference for thirty-five years, dropped dead this afternoon at Early Chapel, Bedford county, while he was calling the roll for the last quarterly conference of that charge.

He had called but one name when his pencil slipped from his hand and his head fell forward. When the congregation rushed to him he was dead.

Mr. Shackford was a native of King and Queen counties. He was born July 21, 1843. He was educated in near-by schools and at the University of Virginia. He was a local preacher for three years when admitted to the North Carolina Conference in 1871.

Two years later he was transferred to the Virginia Conference. His appointment to the presiding eldership came two or three years ago.

Mr. Shackford married Miss Cora Kingsberry, of Oxford, N. C., November, 1876. She died years ago. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. S. B. Walker, of Westmoreland county; Mrs. Joseph E. Johnston, of Farmville; Mrs. G. W. Dyer, of Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. John W. Shackford, pastor of Rivermont Avenue Church, Lynchburg; and Theodore Shackford, also of Lynchburg.

The funeral will be held from Court Street Church here Monday, and the body will be taken to Oxford, N. C., for interment.

These points have been chiefly used by the general public against Cook. They now seem to have been disposed of, but belief is not yet won. It seems that Englishmen, for whom in the main it may be said that polar exploration meant exciting stories of adventure and peril, boggle at the withholding of scientific details for the Danes, who are a race of polar travelers, are content to wait. As the question is not yet won, it seems made a few days ago in Copenhagen by an American who is devoting himself largely to a study of the Scandinavian people. He said: "I don't believe the Danes would have accepted one of their own people so readily. They are very critical people in dealing with themselves and other Scandinavians, but much less so in dealing with others, especially the English and Americans."

A Third Attitude.

The third attitude between belief and disbelief has been expressed more than once in the past. It is the belief of Cook's followers that he is incapable of making adequate scientific observation or is mentally unbalanced. If Amundsen can be believed the former is untrue. If the latter is true Cook is a greater mystery than the pole. Both in mind and body alike, it would be difficult to imagine a saner man. Again arises the question: "Why does he not publish his observations to the world? Is the fact that he refuses to do so until his own good time in itself proof of insanity? Exaggerated secretiveness seems to recall one symptom of a form of mania. Certainly it is the only one Cook exhibits as yet."

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